

## **Youth Resource Connections**

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### **Youth Headlines**

**NYEC Seeks Applicants for WIA Leaders Academy.** Mid-level professionals, who work for state and local Workforce Boards and public agencies that administer Workforce Investment Act (WIA) funds, may now apply to participate in the second WIA Leaders Academy in 2002-2003. The Academy offers two weeklong residential sessions with seminars on youth development and workforce development principles, program development, policy and evaluation. **Deadline: August 23.** For more information on how to apply, visit: <http://www.nyec.org/wialeaders.html> or contact Mala B. Thakur ([mt@nyec.org](mailto:mt@nyec.org)) or Mindy Larson ([ml@nyec.org](mailto:ml@nyec.org)) at (202) 659-1064.

**First Vote.** Jane Eisner, a columnist for the Philadelphia Inquirer launches "First Vote," an initiative designed to encourage and celebrate voter registration for young people. For more information about this initiative, visit: [www.puafund.edu/CIRCLE/](http://www.puafund.edu/CIRCLE/) and [www.closeup.org/firstvote.htm](http://www.closeup.org/firstvote.htm).

### **Youth Spotlight**

#### **Workforce Innovation 2002 TeamBase Highlights Youth Success Stories In One-Stop**

**Career System.** Two youth, selected from hundreds of nominees, represented how our WIA youth formula programs prepare young people as the Workforce for Tomorrow. We want to acknowledge Jeremiah Henderson of Waynesboro, Pennsylvania and Michael A. Wilson of Memphis, Tennessee for sharing their stories at Workforce Innovation 2002. To learn more about Jeremiah and Michael, visit: [http://www.doleta.gov/youth\\_services/YPROG\\_spotlight.asp](http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/YPROG_spotlight.asp).

### **Opportunities for Youth**

**AT&T Young Leaders Program.** Sponsored by the America Connects Consortium (ACC), YouthNOISE, YouthLearn and the AT&T Foundation, this program will select up to 18 young people in grades 9 through 12 who are active in community technology centers (CTCs). Applicants should demonstrate qualities such as:

- Strong interest in learning about and using new technologies
- Commitment to achievement in one or more areas including school, the CTC, sports, community and work
- Ability to influence others in a positive direction
- Commitment to making a positive contribution to their community and the world

**Application Deadline: August 21.** For application guidelines and information, visit:

<http://www.americaconnects.net/new/YLyear2.asp>.

### **Program Spotlight**

**Madison YO! Model Rocket Club flying high!** As part of a science experiment, the Madison YO! GED class has organized a Model Rocket Club. The club was started to introduce students to rocket and space concepts of science as well as to introduce a new hobby. The educational objectives of the class were to describe how a rocket works; identify stages of a model rockets flight; identify the forces involved on flight-gravity, drag, lift, and thrust; and relate Newton's Laws of Motion to model

rocketry. For more information about this educational and fun initiative, contact Keith Guice, Director of YO! Monroe, LA at 318-387-7962.

### ***Funding Opportunities***

**Staples Foundation for Learning.** Staples Foundation for Learning will provide funding to programs that support or provide job training or educational opportunities for all people, with a special emphasis on disadvantaged youth. For application guidelines and information, visit: [www.staplesfoundation.org](http://www.staplesfoundation.org).

**"Newman's Own" is now accepting applications from nonprofit organizations.** "Newman's Own" awards grants annually to a wide range of organizations. Eligible categories include children and youth, health, education, elderly, the environment, the arts, literacy, substance abuse education, and programs for the needy, including housing and food. **Deadline: September 1.** For application guidelines and information, visit: [http://www.newmansown.com/5b1\\_grants.html](http://www.newmansown.com/5b1_grants.html).

**Environmental Education Grant Available from PG&E National Energy Group.** PG&E National Energy Group is now accepting applications for its annual Environmental Education Grant Program. Grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$10,000 will be awarded for innovative programs that encourage and support educating young people about the environment. **Deadline: September 30.** For application guidelines and information, visit: <http://www.neg.pge.com/grantProgram.html>.

**Gang Resistance Education And Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Program Promotes Violence Prevention.** Gang Resistance Education And Training (G.R.E.A.T.) is a life-skills competency program that provides students with the skills they need to avoid gang pressure and youth violence. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco And Firearms (ATF), Federal, State, and local law enforcement personnel, as well as individuals from community and civic groups collaborate on the program. Training will be provided to any State or local law enforcement agency to the extent allocated funds allow. For application guidelines and information, download the FEDERAL REGISTER notice by visiting: [http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2002\\_register&docid=02-19239-filed](http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2002_register&docid=02-19239-filed). **Deadline: September 30.**

**The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) Invites Applications for the Targeted Community Action Planning (TCAP) Technical Assistance Program.** OJJDP will select one organization to provide intensive training and technical assistance to support at least 15 selected jurisdictions to help them develop and deliver a targeted response to their most pressing juvenile justice issues, including delinquency and juvenile victimization. Public and private nonprofit agencies, organizations, institutions, or individuals are eligible to apply. **Deadline: September 3.** To obtain the OJJDP Application Kit contact the Juvenile Justice Clearinghouse at 800-638-8736 or download the application on: <http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org/grants/about.html#kit> To download the August 1 FEDERAL REGISTER, visit: [http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2002\\_register&docid=02-19452-filed](http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2002_register&docid=02-19452-filed)

**America's Career Resource Network (ACRN)** is made up of state entities that work to improve career decision-making of students and their parents. The Department of Education's Office of Vocational and Adult Education (OVAE) provides grants to the state entities designated as eligible by the Governor and State Vocational Education authority of each State, provides technical assistance to those entities, disseminates information promoting high quality practices, and develops and disseminates products and services that support and facilitate State Career Resource Network activities. For more information about this initiative, download the July 31 FEDERAL REGISTER notice by visiting: <http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi->

[bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2002\\_register&docid=02-19352-filed](http://www.acrna.net/bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2002_register&docid=02-19352-filed). You can visit the ACRN Association web site at: <http://www.acrna.net/>

**YouthActionNet Helps Fund Social Entrepreneurial Projects.** The International Youth Foundation sponsors YouthActionNet, an interactive website, created by and for youth, to inspire and promote youth leadership worldwide. The Foundation awards small grants to youth leaders with new projects that promote social change and connect youth with local communities. **Deadline: October 1.** For application guidelines and information, visit: <http://www.youthactionnet.org/minigrants.php>.

### ***WIA Updates***

**TEGL 4-02. Modifications to State's Strategic Five-Year Plans for Title I of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and the Wagner-Peyser Act, Including Unified State Plans.** The purpose of the guidance is to encourage use of the modification process to add additional partners to the One-Stop System and move toward unified planning. To download this notice, visit: [http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/corr\\_doc.asp?DOCN=1411](http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/corr_doc.asp?DOCN=1411).

### ***Publications/Reports/Resources***

***Opening Doors: Students' Perspectives on Juggling Work, Family and College, July 24, 2002.*** Published by the Manpower Demonstration Research Corporation, this report examines low-wage workers seeking career advancement and higher wages by enrolling in and completing community college programs. To download this report, visit: [http://www.movingideas.org/cgi-bin/rd/epl\\_letter.pl?id=2294](http://www.movingideas.org/cgi-bin/rd/epl_letter.pl?id=2294).

***State Youth Policy: Helping All Youth to Grow Up Fully Prepared and Fully Engaged, June 2002.*** Published by the Forum for Youth Investment, this report finds that while all states have put in place scores of youth policies, no state can claim to have a single, coherent youth policy that serves as a lens for assessing and planning overall efforts. But across the country, innovative states are moving in that direction, developing more coordinated approaches to youth policy. To download this report, visit: <http://click.topica.com/maaas4WaaS2qma375Ldb/>.

***July 2002 edition of YCWORKS!*** Published by the Leonard Resource Group, this newsletter provides information on the new DOL-sponsored promising practices website; recent grants and materials available from the DOL's Center for Faith- and Community-Based Initiatives; an in-depth profile of a Washington State program that houses alternative high school classes within local One-Stop centers; and much more. To download this newsletter, visit: <http://www.lrginc.org/ycn>.

### ***Websites***

**Visit the Center for Law and Social Policy's newly designed website -** <http://www.clasp.org>. The Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP), a national, nonprofit organization founded in 1968, conducts research, policy analysis, technical assistance, and advocacy on issues related to economic security for low-income families with children.

### ***Upcoming Events***

**DOL Region 3- Atlanta Southeast Youth Summit, October 15-17, Charlotte, NC.** The Southeast Youth Summit provides an opportunity for teams to delve deeper into local action planning - refining and modifying existing plans- while at the same time, working with national experts and networking with colleagues. For additional information and logistics, contact Gene Caso 404-562-2382 #129, Andy Beck 617-227

**DOL Region 5 - Chicago/Kansas City Youth Development Conference Set, October 16-18, Chicago, IL.** For more information about this conference, visit: <http://www.doleta.gov/regions/reg05/>.

**DOL Region 6 - San Francisco/Seattle and Pacific States Host One-Stop Partnership Conference, August 20-22, Anaheim, CA.** Conference highlights include workshops on partnerships, best practices, leveraging resources and innovative lessons from the youth development field. For more information, visit: [http://www.calworkforce.org/os\\_partnership\\_02\\_conference/conf\\_info.html](http://www.calworkforce.org/os_partnership_02_conference/conf_info.html).

### **Three New Peer-to-Peer Workshops Announced.**

#### **Topic: Developing Activities to Engage and Retain Highly At-Risk Youth**

- **Date:** September 17 – 19, 2002
- **Location:** Denver, CO
- **Description:** This workshop will allow coordinators from each site to learn from each other about recreational and cultural activities that have been successful in recruiting and retaining highly at-risk youth. Participants will learn how to: develop sports leagues for both girls and boys; integrate basic and SCANS skills into activities; develop outdoor activities such as rock climbing, hiking and camping; and use these programs to motivate youth to become involved in the education, training, and employment opportunities available at your site. Denver's recreational and cultural programming will be highlighted. For more information, contact Anne Stom, (202) 693-3377 or email: [astom@doleta.gov](mailto:astom@doleta.gov).

#### **Topic: Healthy Emotional and Psychological Development of Our Youth.**

- **Date:** November 5 – 7, 2002
- **Location:** Denver, CO
- **Description:** This workshop will provide training, technical assistance, and resources addressing the emotional, mental, and psychological needs of the youth we serve. Workshop topics include: suicide, suicide risk, depression, other psychological disorders, mental health needs of adolescence, prevalence of mental health disabilities among youth in the juvenile justice system, crisis counseling and co-occurring disabilities such as learning disabilities and substance abuse. Practitioners and researchers in the field will offer resources and training to help participants expand their knowledge and skills in these topic areas. For more information, contact Christina Lo at 202/693-3599 or [clo@doleta.gov](mailto:clo@doleta.gov).

#### **Topic: Community Service Learning**

- **Date:** November 5 – 7, 2002
- **Location:** Milwaukee, WI
- **Description:** This workshop will cover all aspects of developing a comprehensive community service-learning (CSL) program for all YO! participants. Milwaukee's Civic Engagement Committee, a group of YO! participants who have identified, developed and implemented several highly successful community service projects will be showcased. In addition, participants will hear from representatives from AmeriCorps, and Learn & Serve America and get practical tools that can be used to build a solid CSL program. For more information, contact Anne Stom at 202/693-3377 or [astom@doleta.gov](mailto:astom@doleta.gov).

**The Office of the Secretary, USDOL, Invites the Public to Attend an Open Meeting Sponsored by the Youth Advisory Committee to the Presidential Task Force on Employment of Adults with Disabilities.** This meeting will held on Monday, August 12, 9 am - 4 pm, at the Hyatt Regency Bethesda, One Bethesda Metro Center, and 7400 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland, 20814. For more information, visit: <http://www.dol.gov/odep>.

**Rehabilitation Services Administration's (RSA) National Employment Conference.** The Rehabilitation Services Administration is sponsoring a National Employment Conference for Workforce and Vocational Rehabilitation Professionals, August 19-21 at the J.W. Marriott Hotel, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 202-393-2000. The goal of this conference is to share effective employment strategies used by State Vocational Rehabilitation Agencies and their network of community rehabilitation programs and other partners in order to maximize and improve the employment of individuals with disabilities. For registration information, contact Jenn Rigger at 202-260-2179 or email: [jenn.rigger@ed.gov](mailto:jenn.rigger@ed.gov).

**Register Now for the Women of Excellence Conference, September 4 - 6, in San Diego, CA.** The National Center for Strategic Non-Profit Planning and Community Leadership (NPCL) will host its Third Annual "Women of Excellence" Conference at the Paradise Point Resort Hotel. The conference – the purpose of which is to celebrate, motivate, and inspire women to achieve their highest goals -- will include various workshops, keynote speeches, the Welcome and Exhibitors' Reception, the Fashion Show and Reception, and the Women of Excellence Awards Celebration. For registration and additional information, visit: [www.npcl.org](http://www.npcl.org) or contact Jessica Reust ([jreust@npccl.org](mailto:jreust@npccl.org)) or Charlene Lewis Meeks ([cmeeks@npccl.org](mailto:cmeeks@npccl.org)) at toll free (888) 528-6725.

### **Calendar of Events**

**August 12. Open Meeting Sponsored by the Youth Advisory Committee to the Presidential Task Force on Employment of Adults with Disabilities.** For more information about this meeting, visit: <http://www.dol.gov/odep>.

**August 19-21. Rehabilitation Services Administration's National Employment Conference, Washington, DC.** For more information contact Jenn Rigger at 202-260-2179 or [jenn.rigger@ed.gov](mailto:jenn.rigger@ed.gov).

**August 20-22. DOL Region 6 and Pacific One-Stop Partnership Conference**, Anaheim, CA. For more information, visit: [http://www.calworkforce.org/os\\_partnership\\_02\\_conference/conf\\_info.html](http://www.calworkforce.org/os_partnership_02_conference/conf_info.html).

**August 23. Deadline to apply for WIA Leaders Academy.** For more information, visit: <http://www.nyec.org/wialeaders.html>.

**September 4 – 6. Women of Excellence Conference, San Diego, CA.** For more information, visit: [www.npcl.org](http://www.npcl.org) or contact Jessica Reust ([jreust@npccl.org](mailto:jreust@npccl.org)) or Charlene Lewis Meeks ([cmeeks@npccl.org](mailto:cmeeks@npccl.org)) at toll free (888) 528-6725.

**September 12–13. PEPNet Institute**, Washington, DC. For more information, visit: <http://www.nyec.org>.

**September 17 – 19. Peer-to-Peer- Developing Activities to Engage and Retain Highly At-Risk Youth, Denver, CO.** For more information, contact Anne Stom, (202) 693-3377 or email: [astom@doleta.gov](mailto:astom@doleta.gov).

**September 23-26. Peer-to-Peer - YO! in the Recording Studio**, Memphis, TN. For more information, visit [http://www.doleta.gov/youth\\_services/peertopeer\\_register.asp](http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/peertopeer_register.asp).

**October 8 – 11. Peer-to-Peer - Case Management/ISS Workshop**, Seattle, WA. For more information, visit [http://www.doleta.gov/youth\\_services/peertopeer\\_register.asp](http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/peertopeer_register.asp).

**October 15 - 18. Peer-to-Peer - Case Management/ISS Workshop**, Brockton, MA. For more information, visit [http://www.doleta.gov/youth\\_services/peertopeer\\_register.asp](http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/peertopeer_register.asp).

**October 15-17. DOL Region 3 - Southeast Regional Youth Summit**, Charlotte, NC. For more information, visit [www.schoolandmain.org](http://www.schoolandmain.org) or call Gene Caso at 404-562-2382 #129.

**October 16-18. DOL Region 5 Youth Development Conference**, Chicago, IL. For more information, visit: [http://www.doleta.gov/regions/reg05/Pages/r5eta\\_Index.cfm](http://www.doleta.gov/regions/reg05/Pages/r5eta_Index.cfm).

**November 5 – 7. Peer-to-Peer - Healthy Emotional and Psychological Development of Our Youth**, Denver, CO. For more information, contact Anne Stom, (202) 693-3377 or email: [astom@doleta.gov](mailto:astom@doleta.gov).



**November 5 – 7. Peer-to-Peer - Community Service Learning**, Milwaukee, WI. For more information, contact Anne Stom, (202) 693-3377 or email: [astom@doleta.gov](mailto:astom@doleta.gov).

**January 17, 2003. Entries due for 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Film Contest.** For more information, contact Anne Stom at [astom@doleta.gov](mailto:astom@doleta.gov).

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**Youth Resource Connections** provides important announcements and information for state and local workforce investment boards, youth councils, youth service providers, Youth Opportunity Grant sites, partners, and others interested in youth development.

**We welcome your input.** Please let us know how these updates might be improved to better serve your needs. If you would like to contribute information, post an inquiry, or suggest topics to cover, please contact Anne Stom ([astom@doleta.gov](mailto:astom@doleta.gov); 202-693-3377); DeEtta Roberson-Carter ([Droberson-Carter@doleta.gov](mailto:Droberson-Carter@doleta.gov); 202-693-3610) or Susan Rosenblum ([srosenblum@doleta.gov](mailto:srosenblum@doleta.gov); 202-693-3597).

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